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Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with the references as stated below.

- JP 5-18168 as cited in Japanese office actions for JP 2000-185681 and JP 2000-185682, which are divisionals of JP 08-292722, from which the above listed US Application claims priority. JP 5-18168 describes an image reading device which provides a transporting path by connecting an automatic original transporting device allegedly corresponding to the "basic device" of the claimed invention of JP 2000-185681/2000-185682 and a hand scanner. Further the automatic original transporting device and the hand scanner are connected freely rotationally with a ratchet 8 and a ratchet 7 to engage the hand scanner corresponding to a claimed "rock means" of the claimed invention JP 2000-185681/2000-185682. No translation

of JP 5-18168 or JP 2000-185682, except for an English abstract, are available to Applicant at this time. English translations of Japanese office actions for JP 2000-185681 and JP 2000-185682 are enclosed.

- JP 4-239452 as cited in a Japanese office action for JP 2000-185681, which is a divisional of JP 08-292722, from which the above listed US Application claims priority. JP 4-239452 describes a stopper member to prevent turning over. No translation of JP 4-239452, except for an English abstract, is available to Applicant at this time. An English translation of the Japanese office action for JP 2000-185681 is enclosed.

- JP 8-223362 as cited in a Japanese office action for JP 2000-185681, which is a divisional of JP 08-292722, from which the above listed US Application claims priority. JP 8-223362 describes a positioning member other than a rock member. No translation of JP 8-223362, except for an English abstract, is available to Applicant at this time. An English translation of the Japanese office action for JP 2000-185681 is enclosed.

- JP 7-154530 as cited in a Japanese office action for JP 2000-185681, which is a divisional of JP 08-292722, from which the above listed US Application claims priority. JP 7-154530 describes a system for transporting the medium in the long side of the device. No translation of JP 7-154530, except for an English abstract, is available to Applicant at this time. An English translation of the Japanese office action for JP 2000-185681 is enclosed.

- JP 56-126852 as cited in a Japanese office action for JP 2000-185682, which is a divisional of JP 08-292722, from which the above listed US Application claims priority. JP 56-126852 describes a guide for the original item at an issue port of the original transportation path which is gradually narrowing. No translation of JP 56-126852, except for an English abstract, is available to Applicant at this time. An English translation of the Japanese office action for JP 2000-185682 is enclosed.

-JP 8-99728 as cited in a Japanese office action for JP 2000-185682, which is a divisional of JP 08-292722, from which the above listed US Application claims priority. JP 8-99728 describes an offset on an original tray. No translation of JP 8-99728, except for an English abstract, is available to Applicant at this time. An English translation of the Japanese office action for JP 2000-185682 is enclosed.

- JP 2-100457 as cited in Japanese office actions for JP 2000-185682 and JP 2000-185683, which are divisionals of JP 08-292722, from which the above listed US Application claims priority. JP 2-100457 describes connecting a hand scanner to an image forming device. JP 2-100457 also describes a reading device which provides a transporting path by attaching detachedly a hand scanner to an image forming device by thermal recording. The hand scanner comprising a close type image sensor and a driving roller driven by a pulse motor and a reading device which provides a transporting path by attaching detachedly a hand scanner to an image forming device by thermal recording. The hand scanner comprising a close type image sensor

and a driving roller driven by a pulse motor. No translation of JP 2-100457, except for an English abstract, is available to Applicant at this time. English translations of the Japanese office actions for JP 2000-185682 and JP 2000-185683 are enclosed.

- JP 3-3030 as cited in a Japanese office action for JP 2000-185683, which is a divisional of JP 08-292722, from which the above listed US Application claims priority. JP 3-3030 describes transporting in a transporting direction of an original or a recording paper in a long side direction. No translation of JP 3-3030, except for an English abstract, is available to Applicant at this time. An English translation of the Japanese office action for JP 2000-185683 is enclosed.

- JP 4-314256 as cited in a Japanese office action for JP 2000-185683, which is a divisional of JP 08-292722, from which the above listed US Application claims priority. JP 4-314256 describes protecting members to protect a glass surface on a scanner reading surface. No translation of JP 4-314256, except for an English abstract, is available to Applicant at this time. An English translation of the Japanese office action for JP 2000-185683 is enclosed.

- JP 4-298159 as cited in a Japanese office action for JP 2000-185683, which is a divisional of JP 08-292722, from which the above listed US Application claims priority. JP 4-298159 describes an original accommodating part. No translation of JP 4-298159, except for an English abstract, is available to Applicant at this time. An English translation of the Japanese

office action for JP 2000-185683 is enclosed.



Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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